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SUBJ: SWISS DISSATISFACTION WITH PROPOSED TWA ADD-ON FARES

- 1. EMBASSY RECEIVED SWISS FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT NOTE DATED JAN 20 WHICH EXPRESSES SWISS DISSATISFACTION ADD-ON FARES SCHEDULE FOR NEW YORK TO PHILA WHICH TWA PROPOSED JAN 6, 1978. EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF NOTE AS FOLLOWS:
- 2. QTE TWA JAN 6 SENT FEDERAL AIR OFFICE TELEX PROPOSAL FOR ADD-ON FARES FOR NEW YORK TO PHILA SEGMENT OF SWITZERLAND TO PHILA FLIGHTS VIA NEW YORK WHEN NEW YORK TO PHILA SEGMENT IS SERVED BY ANOTHER AIRLINE. TWA WOULD REIMBURSE OTHER AIRLINE FOR ITS PRO-RATA SHARE OF ENTIRE TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.
- 3. QTE SWISS AUTHORITIES NOTE THERE IS PRESENTLY
 IN FORCE SCHEDULE OF NEW YORK TO PHILA ADD-ON FARES
 APPROVED BY IATA. THESE FARES ARE BELOW AMOUNTS
 WHICH TRANSATLANTIC CARRIERS HAVE TO PAY CARRIERS
 PROVIDING NEW YORK TO PHILA SERVICE, WHICH ARE
 GENERALLY SET AS PRO-RATA SHARE OF ENTIRE TRANSATLANTIC FARE. HOWEVER, US COMPANIES CURRENTLY CHARGE
 FIXED AMOUNT WITHOUT REGARD TO PRO-RATA SYSTEM. TWA'S
 PROPOSED ADD-ON FARES WOULD AMOUNT TO UNJUSTIFIED
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FURTHER INCREASE IN REIMBURSABLE CHARGE TO TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY FOR TRAVEL IN US.

4. QTE THEREFORE, SWISS AUTHORITIES ARE OBLIGED TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH TWA'S PROPOSED ADD-ON FARES OF JAN 6, 1978 ON BASIS OF SECTION VII, PARAS B AND C, OF 1949 AMENDMENT TO 1945 SWISS-US AIR

TRANSPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT. UNQTE.

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